Patriot's Day

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For the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, see Patriot Day.
For the Québec holiday, see La Journée Nationale des Patriotes (National Patriots Day).

Patriot's Day (sometimes spelled Patriots' Day or without the apostrophe) is a civic holiday in the U.S. states of Massachusetts and Maine, and a public school holiday in Wisconsin. Traditionally it was observed on April 19, in honor of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War, fought on that date in 1775. Since 1969, however, the holiday has been observed on the third Monday in April, providing a three-day long weekend.

Patriots' Grave in the Old Burying Ground, Arlington, Massachusetts.

The Boston Marathon is run on this day every year. Also, the Boston Red Sox have played a home game on this date every year since 1960, typically starting at 11:00 AM. Many schools, elementary through high school, take the entire week off as "April vacation."

In 2006, Tax Day was delayed by a day in Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and the District of Columbia, as the IRS processing center for these areas is located in Andover, Massachusetts, and was closed in observance of the state holiday.

Future dates

- 2007: Monday, April 16
- 2008: Monday, April 21

See also

- Holidays of the United States

External links

- Patriot's Day information from NOBLE (http://www.noblenet.org/year/patriotsday.htm)
- Massachusetts Legal Holidays (http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cishol/holidx.htm)
- Information about Battle Reenactments (http://www.battleroad.org/)
- IRS 2005 Tax Return Deadlines (http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=154808,00.html)

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